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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - WESTERN HEMISPHERE: COLOMBIA, FARC,
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Title- It was a big mistake
Op-ed in liberal Folha de S.Paulo (8-6) by Eliane Catanhede says:
"....Brazil wanted to understand what Colombia is ceding to the U.S.
[in the meeting with U.S. National Security Advisor General Jim
Jones]. But the U.S. was interested in a more practical issue: the
FX-2 project to renew Brazil's Air Force fighter planes....Brazil
never accepted [the U.S. veto on Embraer jet's sale to Venezuela in
2006] and yesterday [Brazil's Foreign] Minister stated: "It was a
big mistake!" Venezuelans turned to the left and bought Sukhoi's
[airplanes] from Russia. Brazil lost a lot, the U.S. lost a little
and Moscow won. In defense, Jones said it was all the Bush's
administration fault and that from now on, everything would be
different. There are controversies. The fear is that, with or
without the letter [sent by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton
to reinforce there will be technology transfer], the U.S. sells but
does not deliver all the order...."
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